

Hickman Profile

Hickman is located about 6 miles south of Lincoln. Salt Creek runs along the west and south side of town and there is significant floodplain in the City limits, much of which has been included in parkland. Hickman has utilized floodplain, abandoned rail lines and other right-of-way in the development of a trail system. Groundwater in Hickman is not plentiful and wells for municipal services are located outside of town near S. 68th St and Panama Rd.

Hickman is one of the largest towns in Lancaster County with an increase in population of nearly 53% from 2000 to 2010. Hickman is 1.5 miles west and 1 mile north of two State Recreation Areas; Wagon Train and Stagecoach. These recreation areas see significant numbers of visitors year round. Hickman's location and the proximity of both Lincoln and Norris Public Schools, coupled with its local parks and trails, have made Hickman an attractive town for residential and commercial development over the past 15 years and an attractive place for young families.

Hickman has a large group of interested citizens that take part in public meetings and surveys, and volunteer for committees and events. They also take pride in having a strong Planning Commission with an open forum for developers. Because of their recent growth, Hickman has been experiencing some growing pains. They have a limited budget since they haven't raised taxes and many projects are being completed through the use of tax increment financing (TIF). Hickman is also lacking retail services.

In 2007, Hickman worked with JEO to complete a major update to their comprehensive plan. A strategic plan was completed in 2011-2012 which included a community survey and three public meetings to identify the need for a new community center and swimming pool. A trail study is currently underway by Schemmer.

GOALS:

1. Attract more businesses
2. Downtown redevelopment
3. Continue smart growth
4. Update comprehensive plan
5. Update utilities, water tower (underway)
6. Maintain/reduce property taxes
7. Improvements to parks, playground, and trails (underway)
8. Railroad quiet zone (underway)